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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

47 June 16, 2015

  
PATRICK OZAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO EVALUATE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM UNDER SENATE BILL 678**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This is to request that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to enter in to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Southern California (USC) to evaluate the County of Los Angeles Probation Department's (Probation) efforts to reduce recidivism among Senate Bill (SB) 678 probationers through the Alternative Treatment Caseload (ATC) Program.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to execute and enter into a MOU substantially similar to the attached MOU (Attachment 1) with USC to evaluate Probation's efforts to reduce recidivism among SB 678 probationers through the ATC program.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate and execute any amendments of the MOU, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to enter into a MOU with USC to evaluate Probation's efforts in reducing recidivism among SB 678 probationers

through the ATC Program. USC will collect data, conduct a quantitative analysis and evaluate Probation's ATC Program to determine if the desired impact among SB 678 probationers is being achieved. The recommended actions will result in a third-party evaluation of Probation's ATC Program as required by SB 678. The services provided by USC will meet this legislative mandate and will provide Probation with a comprehensive outcome evaluation that will assess program effectiveness and overall performance.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The proposed MOU is non-financial and has no fiscal impact.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The attached MOU (Attachment 1) includes all contractual requirements and will be executed upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

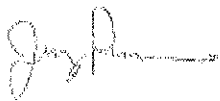
### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of these recommendations will result in a comprehensive outcome evaluation that will provide relevant feedback that will inform future program enhancements, resource shifts, training modification, and/or refinements to policy and procedure.

These efforts will facilitate increased levels of administrative, programmatic and operational governance, including improved program oversight, more focused service delivery and more reliable program performance measures and outcomes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Probation Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer  
Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel